



Abby Spicer (left) and Emma Spicer of Sewanee came up with a terrific idea for the Community Action Committee to help feed the hungry in our community. To learn all about it, see the story on page 9.

Writers' Conference Opens Its 23rd Year

Twelve days of readings and lectures
kick off with acclaimed novelist Margot Livesey

Celebrating its 23rd summer session, the Sewanee Writers' Conference will begin on Tuesday, July 24, and continue through Saturday, Aug. 4, featuring readings, panels and lectures by a distinguished faculty and nationally recognized editors, publishers and literary agents.

The conference will begin with a reading by fiction writer Margot Livesey at 8:15 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, in the Mary Sue Cushman Room of the Bairnwick Women's Center.

Livesey is the author of seven novels—"Homework," "Criminals," "The Missing World," "Eva Moves the Furniture," "Banishing Verona," "The House on Fortune Street" and "The Flight of Gemma Hardy," as well as a collection of stories, "Learning by Heart." A recipient of Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts fellowships, she teaches at Emerson College in Boston and is the fiction editor of *Ploughshares*.

The conference will continue with readings by National Book Award winners Alice McDermott and John Casey, Pulitzer Prize-winner and former U.S. Poet Laureate of the United States Mark Strand, as well as award-winning poets Daniel Anderson, Andrew Hudgins, Maurice Manning, conference director Wyatt Prunty, Mary Jo Salter, Dave Smith, A.E. Stallings, Sidney Wade and Caki Wilkenson. There will also be readings by best-selling and critically acclaimed fiction writers Richard Bausch, Tony Earley, Randall Kenan, Jill McCorkle, Erin McGraw, Christine Schutt, Allen Wier, Kevin Wilson and Steve Yarbrough, as well as readings by playwrights Daisy Foote and Dan O'Brien.

Editors from Penguin, Knopf, Grove/Atlantic, Algonquin Books, New Directions, Poetry, the Atlantic, the Kenyon Review and many other journals and publishing houses will offer panels. Laura Maria Censabella, Elizabeth Diggs, Daisy Foote and Dan O'Brien will take part in a tribute to the late Romulus Linney, legendary playwright and long-time friend of the conference.

A complete conference schedule can be found on page 7 of the Messenger, or online at <www.sewaneewriters.org/conference/schedule>. Authors' books are available at the University Book and Supply Store.

Supported by the Walter E. Dakin Memorial Fund established through the estate of the late Tennessee Williams, the Sewanee Writers' Conference offers instruction and criticism to developing writers through a series of workshops, readings and craft lectures in poetry, fiction and playwriting. Lectures and readings will be held in the Mary Sue Cushman Room of the Bairnwick Women's Center on Mississippi Avenue, one block south of University Avenue. Admission to all public events is free, but space may be limited.

For more information, call 598-1654 or go to <sewaneewriters.org>.

Area Schools Set for Classes

Public schools across the area are preparing for classes to begin in early August.

The first day of school in Franklin County is Tuesday, Aug. 7. On this abbreviated day, students will attend class from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. At Sewanee Elementary School, parents should go to the cafeteria at this time to complete registration packets for their children.

At Franklin County High School, student parking passes will be sold 8 a.m.–noon, Monday–Wednesday, July 23–25, at the FCHS office. The passes are \$10.

FCHS is hosting orientation for new ninth-grade students, 8:30–10 a.m., Thursday, July 26. South Middle School will host orientation for new sixth-grade students at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2. SES is hosting an open house for new kindergarten students, 6–7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 6. For more information, including supply lists, go to <www.fcstn.net>.

Grundy County schools will have registration for new students from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Grundy County High School, Monday and Tuesday, July 30–31. The first full day of school in Grundy County is Tuesday, Aug. 7. For more information go to <www.grundycoschools.com>.

At Monteagle Elementary, school registration is 7:45–11 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 8, for students in grades K–8 and all new students who are transferring into the school. The first full day of school is Thursday, Aug. 9. For more information go to <www.monteagleelementary.org>.



Margot Livesey

How it Began: SWC History

by Blythe Ford
Messenger Summer Intern

Each year, the Sewanee Writers' Conference draws authors to the Mountain to attend readings and lectures, participate in workshops and develop their talent for words.

The conference "is consistent with the culture of Sewanee," conference director Wyatt Prunty said recently. "Sewanee has always had a literary character with its location in the South and the presence of the church, the conference, the Sewanee Review and the many writers who have lived in Sewanee."

As this year's session begins, it is a good time to look back at the last 23 years of creative writing in Sewanee.

The history of the conference began in 1983, when playwright Tennessee Williams left part of his estate to the University to establish a fund encouraging creative writing. Williams stated he wished "to support creative writing and creative writers." The Walter E. Dakin Memorial Fund, named in memory of Williams' grandfather, provides for the Sewanee Writers' Conference, the Sewanee Writers' Series of publications, the Tennessee Williams Performing Arts Center and for residencies of the Tennessee Williams Fellows.

The conference began in the late 1980s, when the University began the conference by relying upon tuition paid by participants. Since its beginning, the conference has offered instruction in fiction, poetry and playwriting, and sponsors lectures on both the craft of writing and the editing and publishing process.

Those who enrolled during the early years were attracted by the distinguished faculty and guests: Tim O'Brien, Robert Stone, William Styron, Arthur Miller, Robert Giroux, Derek Walcott, Mona Van Duyn, X.J. Kennedy, Howard Nemerov, Tina Howe, Donald Justice, Horton Foote,

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SSMF Final Weekend

The final weekend of the Sewanee Summer Music Festival begins at 4 p.m., today, July 20, with a very special faculty-student collaboration recital between Eli Matthews and Annalisa Crosmer.

This recital, featuring one of the SSMF's top faculty violinists and student pianists, will be at St. Luke's Chapel. Featured will be Sarasate's "Romanza," Tchaikovsky's "Serenade" and Tantohi's "Devil's Trill Sonata." This event is one of the first student-faculty recitals ever presented at the SSMF; it is free and open to the public.

At 7:30 p.m., today, July 20, the final student chamber concerts will feature some of the finest student chamber groups assembled over the course of the program. Another student chamber concert will be performed at 4 p.m., Saturday, July 21, in Guerry Garth. Both of these events are free.

At 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 21, the Faculty Artists Series will honor Peter and Ann Spurbeck, who were teachers and mentors at the SSMF for many years. At the conclusion of the concert, the Festival Brass Concert will be at 10 p.m. in All Saints' Chapel.

The final day of the Sewanee Summer Music Festival will be Sunday, July 22, where both orchestras will display the training and preparation they have made during the month. The Cumberland Orchestra will perform at 2:30 p.m., led by conductor Octavio Más-Arocas; they will play Bates' "The B-Sides," Arnold's "Four Scottish Dances" and Khachaturian's "Spartacus." The Sewanee Symphony, led by Victor Yampolsky, will begin at 3:30 p.m. They will perform Sharpe's "Native Movements" and Prokofiev's "Symphony No. 5."

For more information, go to <www.sewaneeconcertfestival.org>.

Capital Campaign for New Animal Harbor Facility

The Franklin County Humane Society has launched a campaign to raise funds for a new shelter building for Animal Harbor. At the campaign kickoff event on July 10, organizers announced that \$125,000 toward the \$500,000 goal had been raised. The campaign's goal is to replace the dilapidated, former hog-barn shelter with a modern facility.

"In our effort to keep our animals healthy and happy, this old building has become the enemy," said society board president Pat Thompson. "It is difficult to stop the spread of contagious disease, and a great deal of our time and dollars are spent on overcoming the shortcomings of a building that was never designed to be a shelter and which is now failing in major structural ways."

"This is not just about sheltering animals, but also setting a new direction for Franklin County as it relates to animal welfare," said Thompson. "We want a center for rescued pets which will be a benefit for all of the community and of which the county can be proud."

The proposed facility will have more space than the current shelter, will offer greatly improved care of the feline and canine residents and will emphasize community services to address the root causes of pet abuse, abandonment and overpopulation. With less time devoted to daily

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Bill and Elvin, now available for adoption; see page 14 for details.

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Letters

DISTRACTIONS AT CONCERT

To the Editor:

Superb leadership of the Sewanee Summer Music Festival has led to new venues of performance. Last Friday evening at the downtown Angel Park, community members were treated to rarely performed 1920s jazz music by SSMF faculty who were well up to the task.

Unfortunately, those of us sitting in the back could not hear the announcements of the pieces to be performed and were inhibited in enjoyment of the music by loud talking coming from behind us and to the side.

Others in attendance came to me complaining and asking what can be done, so I told them I would write this letter with the hope that those more interested in socializing will go elsewhere so that those who attend such concerts can enjoy the music.

John Bratton
Sewanee ■

CLEAN UP HIGHWAY 56

To the Editor:

Ward and I recently took a pleasure bike ride out to Natural Bridge and back. The pleasure was diminished by the amount of litter we saw along both sides of Highway 56/Sherwood Road.

We have decided to organize a litter cleanup effort for that stretch of roadway at 9 a.m., Saturday, July 21. If you are inspired to join us, please meet at Shenanigans Saturday morning. We will be there with our pickup truck and a lot of trash bags.

If you can't meet us at 9 a.m., you can catch up with us somewhere on Highway 56 between 41A and the Natural Bridge Road. Bring some work gloves, as some of the trash is pretty nasty looking. Thank you. I hope to see you then.

Shelley Cammack
Sewanee ■

Sales Tax Holiday

Tennessee's Annual Sales Tax Holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 3, and ends Sunday, Aug. 5, at 11:59 p.m.

Tax-free items include clothing (\$100 or less per item), school supplies (\$100 or less per item) and computers (\$1500 or less per item).

Learn more at <www.tn.gov/rev/venue/salestaxholiday>.



Shawna Laurendine (left) with Caitlin Davies, Steve Burnett and Best Dressed Dog Chance.

Corrections

In last week's coverage of the Fourth of July, we misidentified one of the Mutt Show judges. Thank you to Shawna Laurendine, who played a valuable role in Sewanee's favorite annual event. She was aided by Steve Burnett and Phil White. We apologize, Shawna, and hope you'll be back ringside next year. The name of the child sporting a tiger face in the July 13 Messenger is A.J. Long.

STREET DANCE THANK YOU

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the following for their contributions to the July 3 Street Dance: the Lemon Fair, Henry Agee, Cumberland Funeral Home, Cross and Clements, Henley Electric, Corners Custom Framing, Midtown LLC, Dr. Chris Mathews/University Dental, Oldcraft Woodworkers, Sausy Construction, Downtown Business Alliance, the Hair Depot, Woody's Bicycles and the Saloon.

Also I would like to thank the Sewanee Angel Park and the Sewanee Market for being gracious hosts. Thanks to Henley Electric, Sewanee Police Department, Duck River Electric and University Print Services for their help.

Thanks to our two great bands: the Rachel Dan Band and Dry Gin and Whiskey. Thanks to the July 4th Committee: Jade Barry, Valerie Parker, Sue Hawkins, Bracie Parker, Bonnie Green, Tracie Sherrill, Bill Barton, Gary Sturgis, Birdie McBee, Lynn Stubblefield, Ginny Capel, Peggy Pate, Margaret Beaumont Zucker, Jim Pierce

and Laura Forester Knight. You guys did a great job.

Thanks to Louise Irwin for allowing her home to be used for the meetings. Thanks to anyone who volunteered for a game, or to be a judge, a street marshal, etc. Our community celebration could not have happened without you.

Johnny Hughes
Sewanee ■

MANY THANKS FROM CAC

To the Editor:

To the Sewanee Community Chest, thank you so much for being our primary source of funding and enabling us to help our struggling neighbors keep their homes warm in the winter and bearable during this extreme heat. To the Carlinhour Woods Foundation of Chattanooga, thank you for remembering us once again this year.

Finally, to all the friends and family of Lewis Dozier we extend our heartfelt sadness at his passing. We know that the generous contributions to CAC in his memory are a comfort to the family, especially to Pixie who has given CAC the benefit of her dedication through leadership.

By these and many other individual gifts, CAC is able to render help in times of need.

Luwin Lewis
Director
Community Action Committee ■

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HIROSHIMA ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE

To the Editor:

On August 6, 1945, at approximately 8:15 a.m. Hiroshima time, a B-29 bomber named Enola Gay released "Little Boy," its 9,700-pound uranium bomb, over the city. It was a calm and sunny Monday morning. An air raid alert had been called off, a false alarm. The city bustled with activity—commuters on foot or on bicycles, groups of women and children working to clear firebreaks. 70,000 people died instantly, their bodies reduced to charred cinder. The death toll from burns and radiation sickness exceeded 200,000. Three days later, a second atomic bomb was detonated over the Japanese city of Nagasaki.

In the hope that the world will never again witness such a tragedy, the Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace will observe the anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb with a silent meditation on Sunday, August 5, at 6:15 p.m., at the Stan Barrett Japanese Peace Garden. The observance is timed to coincide with the actual event, taking into account the 14-hour time difference.

Leslie Lytle
Executive Director, Cumberland
Center for Justice & Peace ■

DUNKING BOOTH THANKS

To the Editor:

Now that we have all dried off, I want to thank my fellow "dunkees," Parker Oliver, John Shackelford, John Thomas, Reggie Vachon, and John Vineyard, for being such good sports at this year's July 4th Dunking Booth. To be honest, on such a hot day, this

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Serving Where Called

Please keep the following individuals, their families and all those who are serving our country in your thoughts and prayers:

Michael Evan Brown
Jennifer Lynn Cottrell
James Gregory Cowan
Robert S. Lauderdale
Dakota Layne
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Alan Moody
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Christopher Norcross
Dustin "Dusty" Lee Parker
Michael Parmley
Charles Schaerer
Melissa Smartt
J. Wesley Smith
Charles Tate
Jeffery Alan Wessel

If you know of others in our Mountain family who are serving our country, please give their names to American Legion and Auxiliary member Louise Irwin, 598-5864.

Editor's Note

The Messenger is taking a two-week summer break. Our office will reopen Monday, Aug. 6, and we'll be back in print on Friday, Aug. 10.

Janet Graham joins me in thanking our dedicated supporters: the loyal advertisers who know the value of an ad in the Messenger; the Sewanee Community Chest and the University of the South, whose donations to this publication support conversation and cooperation in our community.

I am grateful to our long-time contributors—Phoebe and Scott Bates, John Bordley, John Shackelford, Pat Wiser and Harry and Jean Yeatman—who make us laugh, learn and see the world in new ways. I also want to acknowledge the important contributions of our staff writers, Leslie Lytle and K.G. Beavers, our summer intern Blythe Ford, and staff members April Minkler and Sandra Gabrielle. And I appreciate the voices of our new columnists, who will all be continuing after our break: Annie Armour, Margaret Stephens, Kiki Beavers, Virginia Craighill, Buck Gorrell, Peter Trenchi and Francis Walter.

Finally I want to thank you, our readers, who faithfully read the Messenger each week and give us honest, thoughtful feedback. Our community is stronger because of your commitment to this Mountain.

—LW

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Chief White Resigns

Sewanee Chief of Police Robert White has resigned his post at the University, effective July 31. White has worked at the University for seven years.

"I have really appreciated the opportunity to serve the Sewanee community and the University community," White said in an interview. "It has been a unique experience and I'll miss many of you."

Though White is retiring from the University, he said this is not a full retirement.

"I enjoy working," he said. "I enjoy a good challenge and a good adventure." He said he looks forward to exploring new opportunities that have surfaced over the last several months.

"I appreciate Robert's leadership during his years of service on the Mountain," said University vice president Jerry Forster.

"I am pleased that Assistant Chief Marie Eldridge has agreed to serve as the interim Chief of Police," Forster said in a written announcement, "and ask that you join me in supporting her in this role."

White has served in law enforcement and emergency management for 37 years.

The University is hosting a reception for White, 3-4 p.m., Tuesday, July 31, on the second floor of Carnegie Hall.

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was not really hardship duty, but no matter the weather, it takes a certain degree of self-confidence, never mind good humor, to place oneself at the mercy of determined, hard-throwing hurlers. We all had a fine time and thank all those who dropped by to give us your best shots. Thanks, too, to David Alexander at Reliable Rental for the use of the booth and especially to the indefatigable and inimitable Larry Prince for taking care of the booth and making sure that it worked flawlessly throughout our ordeal by water.

John McCardell
Sewanee ■

SUPPORT JIM LEWIS To the Editor:

Thursday, August 2, is primary voting day for state offices (as well as election day for local Franklin County offices). Considering the actions of the current Tennessee legislature, it is very important to turn out and vote for the direction you would like for the state of Tennessee.

This is why I am supporting Jim Lewis for State Senate for District 16. As the son, husband and father of Tennessee teachers, Jim Lewis is knowledgeable and passionate about improving the education for all Tennessee students, including teaching science in science classes. Jim supports equal opportunity and equal rights for all of Tennessee's citizens. In addition, he understands the need for upgrading our infrastructure, especially Tennessee roads and bridges. Recognizing the importance of a clean environment and the blessings of our beautiful landscape, he opposes mountaintop removal and will work to improve the quality of the air and water we all depend on.

Jim Lewis recognizes that the purpose of government is to work for the citizens of the state, and that seeking long-term solutions to our problems will result in a better Tennessee than taking a short-term view. I have known Jim Lewis for over 40 years and know him to be an honest, thoughtful person who will do his best to improve the lives of Tennesseans.

Pat Pulliam
Sewanee ■

Meetings & Events

Republican Ice Cream Social Today

The Franklin County Republican Party will host an ice cream social at 6 p.m., today, July 20, at the Red Roof Pavilion (near the Bass Club in the Winchester City Park on the lake). The featured speakers will be the candidates for state senate: Janice Bowling, Eric Chance, Rod McClellan and Ron Stoltzfus.

County Commission Budget Workshops

The Franklin County Commission will hold budget workshops at 7 p.m., today, July 20, and at 7 p.m., Monday, July 23, in the Franklin County Annex building, located at 851 Dinah Shore Blvd. in Winchester. These workshops are open to all interested persons.

Democrats Host Tourney & Dinner Saturday

The Franklin County Democratic Women will host a horseshoe tournament and barbecue from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, at Winchester City Park on Old Cowan Road (across from the Oasis Restaurant). U.S. Senate candidate and actress Park Overall will be attending. Overall is best known for her roles in "Empty Nest" and "Reba."

The tournament will begin at 4 p.m.; dinner and the rally begin at 6 p.m. Dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Come play horseshoes, visit, eat and meet the candidates. For more information call 967-7077.

Rotary Meetings

The Grundy County Rotary Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Dutch Maid Bakery in Tracy City.

The Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary Club meets at the Smoke House Restaurant on Wednesday mornings. On July 25, there will be a club assembly. Coffee begins at 6:50 a.m.; breakfast and the meeting begin at 7 a.m. and end by 8 a.m.

The Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary Club hosts a noon Thursday meeting and program at the EQB Club on the University campus. At the July 26 meeting, Haynes Roberts will give a program on the Sewanee Annual Fund and trends in philanthropy with a special emphasis on younger donors. Lunch is available for \$10.

EPF Meeting Thursday

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship meets at 12:45 p.m., Thursdays, for prayer, study and work directed toward reconciliation and peace. EPF meets in Brooks Hall, next to Otey Memorial Parish Church, in the room off the ramp. Celebration of the Eucharist is no longer being held on the third Thursday of each month.

F@H Support Group

The Folks at Home support group meets at 1:30 p.m. each Thursday at Brooks Hall. For more information contact Folks at Home at 598-0303 or email <folksathomesewanee@gmail.com>.

Southern Tennessee Ladies Meet Aug. 1

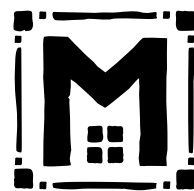
The Southern Tennessee Ladies' Society will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 1, at the Franklin County Country Club. The program will be by Coldwater Creek. Reservations are due by July 25 and can be made by calling Tina at 967-4813 or Iris at 967-6095. The Southern Tennessee Ladies' Society is a not-for-profit association of women who are interested in social activity with other women in the community and women who want to make a difference in the lives of graduating high school seniors. The organization was founded in 2009. Members come from Franklin, Grundy, Coffee, Moore and Lincoln counties.

CCJP Observes Hiroshima Day on Aug. 5

The Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace will observe Hiroshima Day at 6:15 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 5, with a 30-minute silent meditation. The event will take place at the Stan Barrett Japanese Peace Garden; gather on the steps of duPont Library at 6 p.m. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Participants are encouraged to bring an offering for a peace altar (flowers, incense, water from a well). Following the meditation, there will be a time for sharing stories, poems, readings and reminiscences. For more information, contact Leslie Lytle at 598-9979 or <slytle@blomand.net>.

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The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly's 49th Annual Cottage Tour and Bazaar is today, July 20. The bazaar is 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; tours run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20, available at the MSSA gate.

Beersheba Tour Benefits Heritage Center

The Beersheba Springs Historical Society will host a benefit for the Grundy County Historical Society Heritage Center on Saturday, July 21.

The event will begin at 1 p.m., with a tour of several Beersheba Springs cottages, chamber music by musicians from the Sewanee Summer Music Festival at the Beersheba Hotel at 3:30 p.m., a lecture by Clopper Almon at 4 p.m. about the history of the hotel and an informal dinner at 5:30 p.m.

The cost of the event is \$50 per person or \$75 per couple. For more information or to make a reservation, call Susan Snow at (423) 886-5647 or (423) 987-1551.

Grundy County Historical Society and Beersheba Springs Historical Society are collaborating in the development of a mural at the Heritage Center located at 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City, that will depict the story of Beersheba Springs, the first pioneer settlement on the plateau. The mural will include the hotel, 12 cottages and other structures, the Armfield Cemetery and several other natural features including Stone Door and Laurel Falls.

The work is in progress and may be viewed at the Heritage Center, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Obituaries

Gertrude "Trudy" French Mignery

Gertrude "Trudy" French Mignery, age 92, formerly of Sewanee, died July 16, 2012, in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

She was born in Wayne, N.J., the daughter of Andrew Van Sice French and Mella Isabel Howland. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arnold Louis Mignery; brother, Andrew French and her twin, Edward French.

She was a member of the Altar Guild of Otey Parish Church, helped establish the Thurmond Library and assisted in improving and maintaining the University Cemetery. For more than 20 years she worked at Jessie Ball duPont Library.

She is survived by her daughters, Diana (Doug) Brown of St. Charles, Ill., Suzanne Louise Mignery of Jasper, Tenn., Christine (E. Ravenel) Mansfield of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., and Trudy LaFon of Summerville, S.C.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 21, at Otey Parish Church, with burial in the University Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contribu-

tions may be made to the Otey Parish Building Fund, the University Cemetery, or the donor's favorite charity.

Barbara Peede Newcomb

Barbara Peede Newcomb, age 91, died May 27, 2012, in Astoria, Ore. She was born in Jersey City, N.J., to Loring Gardner Peede and Dorothy Dunn Peede.

Newcomb moved to Sewanee in the 1980s and was a member of Otey Parish Church, the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, the Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace, and Hospice of the Highland Rim. She initiated the Peace Crane Project which is displayed each year in duPont Library. She moved to Oregon in 2008.

She is survived by her son, William H. Newcomb; her daughter, Dorothy Newcomb Deacon; her former husband, Robert Arnold Newcomb; and three granddaughters.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 4, at Otey Parish Church.

Gifts in her memory may be made to Otey Parish Church, Hospice of the Highland Rim or the Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace.

Centering Prayer Gathering in Nashville

The sixth annual gathering of Contemplative Outreach of Middle Tennessee will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 11, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Nashville. The Rev. Dr. Gordon Peer-man will offer the keynote address on "How Do We Pray Without Ceasing?"

All are welcome—those with an established Centering Prayer practice and those who are exploring contemplative living and Centering Prayer. The cost for the day is \$25 per person, and includes lunch and all materials. Reservations are required before Friday, Aug. 3.

For more information or to register, contact Carol Wray at (615) 373-0613 or by email at <carolwray@aol.com>. There is also more information on the Contemplative Outreach website <www.centeringprayermidn.com>.

St. Bartholomew's is located at 4800 Belmont Park Terrace in Nashville.

Morton Memorial Hosts Fish Fry and Auction

Morton Memorial Church in Monteagle is hosting a fish fry and auction, 4-7 p.m., Saturday, July 28, at the church. Tickets are \$12 per person or \$40 for four people. Proceeds from the event will support a school for children in Tanaku, India.

Auction items include a variety of services (manicures, massages, house and dog sitting), airplane ride over the Mountain, dinners at area restaurants, furniture and jewelry, condominiums, vacation rentals and artwork. A complete list of auction items is available at <www.gospelpartners.org>.

Billie and Don Weaver, members at Morton Memorial for more than 20 years, have been active in Gospel Partners' ministry in Tanaku. The Indian government recently told Gospel Partners that they can no longer house children in the church building. A new school and orphanage must be built.

To donate an item for the auction or for more information, call Kim Coley at (815) 988-2243 or email her at <ks.coley@yahoo.com>.

Church News

Christ Church, Monteagle

On Sunday, July 22, the Rev. Vaughn Cooper will be the celebrant and preacher at the 10:30 a.m. service at Christ Church Monteagle. Both Fr. Cooper and Fr. Paul Oxner will give reports about the National Synod of the Episcopal Missionary Church which took place at Hillsdale College recently.

Looking ahead, Sunday, July 29, will be the Eighth Sunday after Trinity with a service at 10:30 a.m. On Sunday, Aug. 5, Christ Church will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration with services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Fire on the Mountain

Fire on the Mountain will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, at Brooks Hall. The group will travel to St. Paul's, Franklin, for a Fast-a-Thon to bring attention to hunger in Middle Tennessee. Participants are asked to do a mini-fast that day and abstain from food

from noon until the group "breaks the fast" together at 7 p.m. Please bring a bag of groceries for Second Harvest Food Bank. Several other youth groups from around Middle Tennessee will be participating. For more information, call Betty Carpenter at 598-5926.

First Baptist Church, Monteagle

The Blessed will present a special evening singing service at 6 p.m., Sunday, July 22, at Monteagle First Baptist Church. Offerings will be donated to the First Baptist Church renovation fund.

Otey Parish


On Sundays, Otey Parish celebrates the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at 8:50 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Lectionary Class meets at 10 a.m.

Nursery care is available from 8:30 a.m. until after the coffee hour, which follows the 11 a.m. service.



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CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee is Sunday, Aug. 5, for participating churches: St. James, Otey, Cumberland Presbyterian and All Saints' Chapel. Please bring your food offerings to Sunday services. The typical bag of groceries includes: rice, beans, pasta, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, and cans of vegetables, fruit and soup. The cost for a complete bag is less than \$15.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekday Services, Monday-Friday

- 7:00 am Morning Prayer/HE, St. Mary's (not Wed)
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
- 5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's (not Wed)

Saturdays: July 21, July 28 & Aug. 4

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer/HE, St. Mary's

Sundays: July 22, July 29 & Aug. 5

All Saints' Chapel

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist

Christ Church Episcopal, Alto

- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Children's Sunday School

Christ Church, Monteagle

- 10:30 am Holy Communion
- 10:45 am Children's Sunday School
- 12:50 pm Christian formation class

Church of the Holy Comforter, Monteagle

- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist

Cowan Fellowship Church

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service

Cumberland Presbyterian, Sewanee

- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Sunday School

Dechard United Methodist Church

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship

Epiphany Episcopal Church, Sherwood

- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 am Children's Sunday School

Grace Fellowship

- 10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service

Harrison Chapel Methodist

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service

Midway Baptist

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Morning Service
- 6:00 pm Evening Service

Midway Church of Christ

- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 11:00 am Morning Service
- 6:00 pm Evening Service

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- New Beginnings Church, Jump Off**
- 10:30 am Worship Service

Otey Memorial Parish

- 8:50 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Christian formation classes
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist

St. James Episcopal

- 9:00 am Children's Church School
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:15 am Godly Play

St. Margaret Mary Catholic, Alto

- 8:00 am Mass

St. Mary's Convent

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 pm Evensong

Sewanee Church of God

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Morning Service
- 6:00 pm Evening Service

Society of Friends

- 9:30 am Meeting, 598-5031

Tracy City First Baptist

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Morning Worship
- 5:30 pm Youth
- 6:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesdays: July 25, Aug. 1 & Aug. 8

- 6:00 am Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship
- 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Monteagle
- 6:00 pm Youth, Tracy City First Baptist
- 7:00 pm Evening Worship, Tracy City First Baptist

Send your church news or church service information to <news_messgr@bellsouth.net>.



Tracie Sherrill in the golf cart signals the end of the Fourth of July parade. Photo by Charley Watkins

SUD Board Agenda

The board of commissioners of the Sewanee Utility District will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 24. The agenda for the meeting is: approval of agenda; approval of June 2012 minutes (as distributed); general manager's report and financial report;

Unfinished business: constructed wetlands study and proposal; build-out study; dedication of water treatment plant;

New business: working session to address unaccounted water loss; assessment of agreement with the University of the South for water rights to Lake Dimmick; commissioner's per diem payment schedule;

Scheduled meetings: next meeting is Tuesday, August 28, 2012.

There will also be time at the end of the meeting for visitor comments and announcements.

All SUD meetings are held at the utility's office at 26 Sherwood Rd., Sewanee. For more information call 598-5611.

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Early voting continues now through Saturday, July 28, for state primary and county general elections. Early voting will be conducted at the Franklin County Election Commission located at 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. Election day is Thursday, Aug. 2.

In the state primary, voters will select the candidates who will continue on to the general election in November for the seats of U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives District 4, State Senate District 16 and Tennessee House of Representatives Districts 39 and 92.

In the county general elections, voters will select the Public Defender, County Commission District 5 and 6B, and Franklin County Property Assessor.

Franklin County Administrator of Elections Margaret Ottley is encouraging voters to take advantage of early voting.

"Early voting is a convenient way for voters to be sure their voices are heard," said Ottley. "With this kind of flexibility, I hope that our voters will not miss this opportunity to exercise their right to vote."

Voters must present a state or federal issued photo identification in order to vote in person, whether during early voting or on Election Day. Examples of acceptable forms of identification, whether current or expired, include driver licenses, U.S. passports, Department of Safety photo ID cards, U.S. military photo IDs and other state or federal government photo ID cards. Student IDs are not acceptable.

For more information, call the Franklin County Election Commission office at 967-1893 or go to <www.GoVoteTN.com>.

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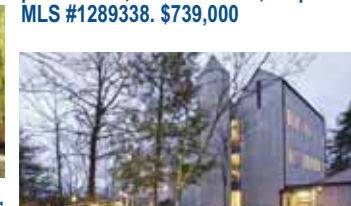
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Stanley Elkin, Francine Prose, Anthony Hecht, Russell Banks, Maxine Kumin, John Casey, John Hollander, Peter Taylor, Richard Wilbur, Ernest Gaines, Ellen Douglas, Susan Minot, Mark Richard, Andrew Hudgins, Charles Martin, Monroe Spears and Andrew Lytle. The conference continues to employ writers of such distinction.

Prunty spoke recently of changes undergone by the conference in size, competitiveness and demand. The original Writers' Conference consisted of five workshops, each taught by two instructors, he said. While the number of instructors for each workshop remains the same, the conference has expanded to 10 workshops for nearly 150 participants chosen for the quality of their writing. The faculty

has doubled in size and this year there are more guest editors, agents and publishers.

Prunty praised the outstanding faculty and strong students who make the Sewanee Writers' Conference such a valuable gathering. He also praised the easy atmosphere created by the "graciousness of Sewanee itself."

The participants of the Sewanee Writers' Conference feel welcome, he said, despite worries experienced by some about the cicadas at night.



Katharine K. Wilkinson

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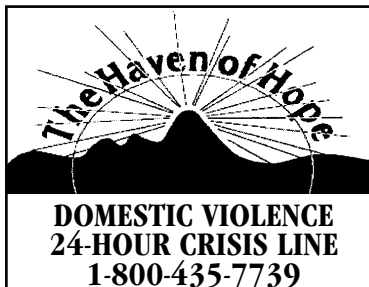
Katharine K. Wilkinson will speak at 11 a.m., Friday, July 27, at the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly chapel about her new book, "Between God and Green: How Evangelicals Are Cultivating a Middle Ground on Climate Change."

Wilkinson was a Rhodes Scholar after graduating as valedictorian from Sewanee.

"Between God and Green," published by the Oxford University Press, has been receiving very positive reviews. In a recent article in the Boston Globe, one reviewer wrote, "If you understand American evangelical Christianity, representing at least a quarter of the U.S. population, as the politically and theologically complex, fractious and ultimately mainstream phenomenon that it is, then you'll appreciate the nuance and sensitivity with which Katharine Wilkinson navigates her subject in 'Between God and Green.'"

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ANGEL WITH AN ATTITUDE

by Virginia Craighill



Dear Angel,

All the BIG writers are going to be here for Sewanee Writers' Conference starting next week. What should I do if I see Alice McDermott at the gym? Can I walk up to her and tell her how much I love her books?

—Star-Struck Literary Fan

Dear Star-Gazer,

These BIG writers are just like us, except they write better, are published, earn more money, live in nicer houses and know more exciting people. But otherwise, they're exactly like us.

Surely they love being in Sewanee where people actually read books, so you needn't be afraid of expressing your admiration for Ms. McDermott's literary gifts. She will no doubt be gracious and appreciative.

However, some etiquette should be followed when approaching (aka stalking) these authors, and I will try to guide you through the process.

It would be best not to jump up and down in front of her treadmill, screaming "You go, girl! Write on, Sista!" Indeed, a better strategy would be to wait outside the gym, pretending to tie your shoe or look for lost change, until she walks out. If she notices you, look up and say, "Gee, you look just like my favorite author, Alice McDermott." If she acknowledges her identity, you might tell her how much you respect her style or mention your favorite novel.

You might see one of these writers having lunch at the Blue Chair. But I suggest you refrain from approaching the table, loudly clearing your throat of phlegm until you are noticed, and then telling the author (and everyone else in the small restaurant) that while you appreciated the plot of the last novel, you have some ideas about how it might have ended better.

The best approach is to attend the readings, like the other humble fans, and, after the author is finished, wait patiently for an entry into the conversation. Better yet, have a book for the writer to sign and not one you've checked out from the library.

Dear Angel,

I am an inexperienced driver and I recently parked at the Fowler Center to go to my Pilates class. There were only a few parking spaces left, so I was forced to park in one crookedly. When I came out an hour later, a nasty note was stuck on my car window with "jerk" written in all capital letters. Do you have any advice on how to deal with this sort of note?

—Doing the Best I Can

Dear Doing Your Best,

Who among us has not parked our cars crookedly? You will not find a Circle for Bad Parkers in Dante's "Inferno," nor is it one of the Seven Deadly Sins. If I recall correctly, the Ten Commandments does not include the edict "Thou Shalt Not Park Outside the Lines." My recommendation is to ignore the nasty, unhelpful, and I daresay, cowardly anonymous note found on your car.

Whenever I find similarly spineless, nameless notes attached to my windshield, my front door, in my mailbox or next to my bowl of breakfast cereal, I assume the writer is having a very bad day. It makes me feel as if I've done a good deed to provide an outlet for the note writer's spleen, lest he or she go kick a stray dog or take candy from a baby.

Finally, you might consider that "JERK" is the author's signature, as in "[Hello, I'm a real] JERK," since he or she did not have the courage to sign his or her real name, rather than a word directed at you.

Dear Angel with an Attitude,

I just love Sewanee's Fourth of July parade and have always dreamed of being in it. Can you tell me what I need to do?

—Don't Rain on My Parade

Dear I Love a Parade,

Well, you could enter baton classes in Tullahoma in hopes of earning the title "Little Miss Star Twirl Princess" or "Star Twirl Queen," but if you feel you have aged out of that competition, all you really need is a vehicle, and that is a very broad term. If you have a bicycle, tricycle, unicycle, motorcycle, ATV, golf cart, pickup or flatbed truck, convertible, go-kart, tractor, riding lawn mower, scooter, horse or any emergency vehicle with a loud siren, your chances of being in next year's Sewanee Fourth of July parade are stellar.

If you're vying for a prize, then you need to register your "float" with the 4th of July committee (check out the Messenger in late June), but if you're just vying for attention, you can probably jump right in.

Here's some advice: the crowd will love you if you 1) throw candy (just find that old bag of Halloween candy you stashed away last November), 2) wear a costume and/or a tiara, and 3) master the parade wave. You do not have to be real royalty to wear a tiara, but it will add a mysterious aura of glamour to the parade. If you don't have a costume, just check with the theatre department, the Hospitality Shop or come over and look in my closet. As for the wave, just watch some footage of Kate and William, Pippa or the Queen.

Having once pimped out a friend's pickup truck with plastic flowers and handmade signs, I and three friends rode in the Sesquicentennial parade as Sewanee's Founding Mothers. We wore 19th-century costumes three sizes too small, sun bonnets and white gloves, and had an emergency cooler of first-aid beer. I have never felt such a warm glow of celebrity, not even when I received my Academy Award for Best Actress! I highly recommend the experience and hope you'll throw me some candy next year.

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Public Readings and Lectures July 24–August 4, 2012

Sewanee Writers' Conference

The University of the South will host the twenty-third annual session of the Sewanee Writers' Conference. Backed by the Walter E. Dakin Memorial Fund established through the estate of the late Tennessee Williams, the Conference will gather a distinguished faculty to provide instruction and criticism through workshops and craft lectures in fiction, poetry, and playwriting.

Although workshops and discussion meetings are limited to program participants, the following lectures and readings are open to the public and free to attend. Seating is limited, so priority will go to Conference participants. These events will be held in the Cushman Room of the Bairnwick Women's Center on Mississippi Avenue, one block south of University Avenue, on the campus of Sewanee: The University of the South.

The following schedule of lectures and readings is subject to change without advance notice. Any revisions will be posted online at www.sewaneewriters.org.

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER	FIELD	EVENT
7/24	8:15 PM	Margot Livesey	Fiction	Reading
7/25	10:00 AM	Richard Bausch	Fiction	Lecture
7/25	11:00 AM	Andrew Hudgins	Poetry	Lecture
7/25	4:15 PM	Jill McCorkle	Fiction	Reading
7/25	8:15 PM	Mary Jo Salter	Poetry	Reading
7/26	9:00 AM	Eugene Cross, Rebecca Morgan Frank, Caitlin Horrocks (fellows)	Fiction/Poetry/Fiction	Readings
7/26	10:00 AM	Paul Bone, Mary Flinn, Rob Griffith, John Irwin, Speer Morgan, Willard Spiegelman	Editing	Panel
7/26	11:00 AM	Alice McDermott	Fiction	Lecture
7/26	4:15 PM	Daniel Anderson	Poetry	Reading
7/26	8:15 PM	John Casey	Fiction	Reading
7/27	9:00 AM	Daniel Groves, Hastings Hensel, Adam Vines (staff)	Poetry/Poetry/Poetry	Readings
7/27	10:00 AM	Gary Fisketjon & Elisabeth Schmitz	Publishing	Panel
7/27	11:00 AM	Daisy Foote	Playwriting	Lecture
7/27	4:15 PM	Sidney Wade	Poetry	Reading
7/27	8:15 PM	Steve Yarbrough	Fiction	Reading
7/28	9:00 AM	Jessica Dickey, Emily Miller, Rachel Richardson (fellows)	Playwriting/Fiction/Poetry	Readings
7/28	10:00 AM	Georges Borchardt & Valerie Borchardt	Agents	Talk/Q&A
7/28	11:00 AM	John Casey	Fiction	Lecture
7/28	4:15 PM	Caki Wilkinson & Kevin Wilson	Poetry/Fiction	Reading
7/28	8:15 PM	Randall Kenan	Fiction	Reading
7/29	11:00 AM	Gail Hochman	Agent	Talk/Q&A
7/29	2:00 PM	Greg Brownderville, Mat Smart, Claire Vaye Watkins (fellows)	Poetry/Playwriting/Fiction	Readings
7/29	3:00 PM	Margot Livesey	Fiction	Lecture
7/29	4:15 PM	A.E. Stallings	Poetry	Reading
7/29	8:15 PM	Alice McDermott	Fiction	Reading
7/30	9:00 AM	Erica Dawson & Juliana Gray (staff)	Poetry/Poetry	Reading
7/30	10:00 AM	David Barber, David Lynn, Don Share, Philip Terzian, Robert Wilson	Editing	Panel
7/30	11:00 AM	Dave Smith	Poetry	Lecture
7/30	4:15 PM	Allen Wier	Fiction	Reading
7/30	8:15 PM	Dan O'Brien	Playwriting	Reading
7/31	10:00 AM	Barbara Epler, Kathy Pories, Liz Van Hoose	Publishing	Panel
7/31	11:00 AM	Laura Maria Censabella, Elizabeth Diggs, Daisy Foote, Dan O'Brien	Playwriting	Romulus Linney Tribute Panel
7/31	4:15 PM	Daisy Foote	Playwriting	Reading
7/31	8:15 PM	Andrew Hudgins	Poetry	Reading
8/1	9:00 AM	Amy Arthur, Jake Ricafrente, Jonathan Heinen (staff)	Poetry/Poetry/Fiction	Readings
8/1	10:00 AM	Amina Gautier, Jason Gray, Leslie Harrison (fellows)	Fiction/Poetry/Poetry	Readings
8/1	11:00 AM	Jill McCorkle	Fiction	Lecture
8/1	4:15 PM	Maurice Manning	Poetry	Reading
8/1	8:15 PM	Tony Earley	Fiction	Reading
8/2	10:00 AM	Melissa Range, Ellen Sussman, Samuel Park (fellows)	Poetry/Fiction/Fiction	Readings
8/2	11:00 AM	Mark Strand	Poetry	Lecture
8/2	4:15 PM	Erin McGraw	Fiction	Reading
8/2	8:15 PM	Dave Smith	Poetry	Reading
8/3	10:00 AM	Jennifer Clarvoe, Amy Greene, Joseph Schuster (fellows)	Poetry/Fiction/Fiction	Readings
8/3	11:00 AM	Mary Jo Salter	Poetry	Lecture
8/3	4:15 PM	Christine Schutt	Fiction	Reading
8/3	8:15 PM	Mark Strand	Poetry	Reading
8/4	3:00 PM	Jim Gavin, Dora Malech, Kristen Palmer (fellows)	Fiction/Poetry/Playwriting	Readings
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Fresh Produce Canning Project at CAC

The Community Action Committee, an outreach ministry of Otey Parish for more than 35 years, offers food and financial assistance to families in need in the greater Sewanee community.

At this time of the year, many people donate fresh produce for distribution to the hungry. However, there are times when the produce cannot be distributed before it begins to go bad.



Abby Spicer and Emma Spicer, two 11-year-old girls from Sewanee, took an idea to the CAC board that has been approved and will begin soon.

"We are moving forward with a canning and freezing project to prevent waste," said Amy Spicer, mother of the homeschooled girls. "The idea is that the CAC works with its clients to get the food preserved by

providing a kitchen and all of the equipment for those who might not have access to it. The clients would add their labor and take home their share of the goods.

St. Mary's Sewanee has offered the kitchen in St. Joseph's Hall for the CAC to use for this project.

"Now, we need to start gathering supplies," Spicer said. A box has been placed at Otey Parish and at All Saints' Chapel to collect jars, rings, flat lids and freezer bags. They also need strainers, ladles and canners (hot-water and pressure). Donations of these items will be accepted; the project will return them if you can loan them for a time.

"We are hoping that this will become a community project, so everyone is welcome to come and share their knowledge and take part," she said.

CAC director Luwin Lewis said the idea originated after a discussion about canning the overabundance from community gardens. She encouraged the girls to make a presentation to the CAC board, which they did, and it was met with enthusiastic approval.

For more information, contact the CAC at 598-5927 or the Spicers at 598-3519.



Smudge and Julia Stubblebine at the Fourth of July Cat Show. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Hospitality Shop Takes a Break

The Hospitality Shop will close at noon on Saturday, July 28, and will reopen at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

The Shop, located at 1096 University Ave. in Sewanee, and operated by the Emerald-Hodgson Hospital Auxiliary, is open 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturdays.

Senior Center News

Covered-Dish Lunch July 21

The monthly covered-dish luncheon will be at noon, Saturday, July 21. The program will be "In the Good Old Summertime," where guests have the opportunities to share memories of summertime adventures and tall tales from their experience.

Center Needs Volunteers

The Sewanee Senior Center needs volunteer helpers able to maintain its programs. The center needs folks to do prep work in the kitchen, wash dishes and other tasks around the center. If you can help, drop by the center and introduce yourself.

Senior Menus

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$3 (\$0 or older) or \$5 (under 50). Please call 598-0771 by 10:30 a.m. to order lunch.

July 23: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert.

July 24: Ham, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, roll, dessert.

July 25: Chicken salad sandwich, chips, dessert.

July 26: Taco soup, salad, Mexican cornbread, dessert.

July 27: Steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced tomatoes, cornbread, dessert.

July 30: Taco salad, dessert.

July 31: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert.

Aug. 1: Lamb, mashed potatoes, green peas, roll, dessert.

Aug. 2: Italian wedding soup, salad, crackers, dessert.

Aug. 3: Barbecue sandwich, slaw, chips, dessert.

Aug. 6: Mexican lasagna, salad, dessert.

Aug. 7: Salmon patty, white beans, turnip greens, cornbread, dessert.

Aug. 8: Grilled chicken salad, fruit, crackers, dessert.

Aug. 9: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert.

Aug. 10: Potato soup, salad, corn muffin, peaches with cottage cheese.

Menus may vary.

The center is located at 5 Ball Park Rd. (behind the Sewanee Market). To reserve a meal or for more information, call the center at 598-0771.

University Job Opportunities

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Descriptions of these positions are available on the website at <www.sewanee.edu/personnel/jobs>. Apply for these positions at: <https://www.sewanee.edu/site/j9UB9e/application>.

Curbside Recycling Aug. 3

Residential curbside recycling pickup in Sewanee is on the first and third Friday of each month. Friday, Aug. 3 will be the next pickup day. Recyclable materials must be separated by type and placed in blue bags by the side of the road no later than 7:30 a.m. Please do not put out general household trash on this day.

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Teacher Evaluation System Will See Revisions

Recommendations for Changes Include
Greater Integration, Streamlined Assessments

by K. G. Beavers, Messenger Staff Writer

Teacher evaluations are in the process of being changed because of feedback received from the State Collaborative on Reforming Education and Tennessee Consortium on Research, Evaluation and Development. The Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) released a report to the General Assembly recommending revisions to the teacher evaluations.

Teacher evaluations are based on 50 percent qualitative and 50 percent quantitative measures. The 50 percent qualitative evaluation includes classroom observations, review of prior evaluations and other components. The 50 percent quantitative evaluation includes a 35 percent Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) student growth measure and 15 percent student achievement area selected by the teacher and supervisor (such as school-wide or individual testing data and ACT/SAT assessments).

For teachers in non-tested grades and subjects, their quantitative evaluations include overall, literacy, math, or math/literacy school level TVAAS growth scores, depending on the grade or specialty they teach. Presently, almost two-thirds of Tennessee teachers do not have individual value-added student growth data, which means their evaluation is not directly tied to their individual performance.

Teachers are rated on a scale from "1" to "5," based on how they score overall in the qualitative and quantitative evaluations. These scores will be used to decide professional development, tenure and possibly dismissal.

The report recommendations include that all educators receive greater training in the evaluation system. It also recommends that teachers in non-tested grades and subjects have a reduction in the 35 percent quantitative score.

The TDOE recommended that the evaluation system be integrated with the Common Core State Standards to better improve student outcomes. Currently, there is not a new test based on the new curriculum.

According to the TDOE, the General Assembly will have to change some components of the teacher evaluation system because they are state law.

Other changes to the Tennessee Educator Acceleration Model evaluation system include streamlining the professional component from 10 indicators to four, and providing more training for evaluators. School-wide value-added scores should be based on a one-year score rather than a three-year score average.

Teachers who receive a "5" on the overall evaluation score or on their individual TVAAS score should have a more streamlined evaluation for the next school year. Teachers who receive a "1" should have additional full-length observations. The evaluation data system should continue to be measured and streamlined to reduce time and paperwork, according to the TDOE report.

While test scores improved on the 2011-12 assessments from the previous year, the TDOE is reporting that the teacher qualitative (observation) scores did not match the quantitative (student growth and achievement) TVAAS scores. Approximately 75 percent of educators scored a "4" or "5" on the observation evaluation, while only 50 percent scored a "4" or "5" based on test results.

Evaluators in districts with significant differences between the two scores will have to be retrained, according to the TDOE. For more information, go to <www.tnscore.org> or <www.tn.gov/education>.

Mellon Foundation Awards Grant to Sewanee

The University recently received news of an \$800,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The grant will create a Globalization Forum, a series of workshops on global education that will become a model for curricular review and revision as it enhances interdisciplinary conversations.

"Extending the scope of our study and understanding is a priority identified in current strategic planning for the University of the South, and the Mellon grant will provide critical support as we move toward those ends," said Sewanee Vice-Chancellor John McCardell. "Our strategic planning calls for extending Sewanee's reach, engaging both local and international communities to help students comprehend the diversity of experience and challenges facing the world."

"The globalization forum will be a key tool for achieving this strategic goal," McCardell said. "It will allow us to test our own sense of good language and global teaching with the insights of others at research universities, peer colleges and secondary schools."

With the assistance of the grant, Sewanee will develop a program with four main objectives: faculty development, interdisciplinary course development, collaboration with research universities and existing consortia, and enhancement of student services in the global studies curriculum. To accomplish these objectives, faculty and staff plan to:

- Create the Mellon Globalization Forum, which will look broadly at the language and global studies curricula and teaching, and enrich course offerings through shared dialogue;

- Create a grant program for faculty members developing interdisciplinary courses in language and global perspectives;

- Connect Sewanee's language and global studies instruction to activities at research universities by hiring post-doctoral fellows who will teach in these programs; and

- Enhance study abroad programs for the International and Global Studies Program.

Work will begin this summer on implementing the new grant-funded program, which will be a program of Sewanee's Center for Teaching.

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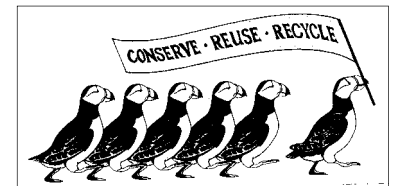
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Botanical Art Workshop

There are still a few spaces available for participants in the Sewanee Herbarium's two-day mixed media botanical art and nature journaling workshop, "Drawing Lessons from Nature," Aug. 10-11. Lendon Noe will be the instructor; the cost is \$75 per person.

A generous gift in memory of Sewanee artist and nature journaler Mary McCleaf is helping underwrite the event.

Noe was a professor of art at Lambuth University in Jackson, Tenn., for 28 years. She is now partner and instructor with Silver Creek Workshops; for the past 10 years, her work has been focused on natural history.

Workshop participants do not need to have had experience in botanical art or nature journaling.

"We will begin with the simplest materials and learn specific techniques for focusing attention and drawing from nature," Lendon said. "Weather permitting, we will go into the landscape both days (no arduous hiking) and learn to see and record our surroundings. We will come back to the studio and enhance our pages. We will profit from the study of the collection of the Herbarium at Sewanee. As we close, we will finish a remarkably personal record of our stay."

For more information or to register for the workshop, contact Mary Priestley at <marypriestley@bellsouth.net> or 598-0157. Participants will receive a list of suggested supplies when they register.

McKee at August Academy for Lifelong Learning

The August speaker for the Academy for Lifelong Learning at St. Mary's Sewanee will be William McKee. His lecture, at noon, Thursday, Aug. 9, will be about "Tennessee's Six U.S. Supreme Court Justices." He will concentrate his talk on Horace Harman Lurton. McKee is a professor of education and public service management at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn. He is the author of "North Edgefield Remembered," a book about an overlooked, undervalued, Nashville neighborhood that pulled together to create a vibrant community.

The Academy's monthly series provides opportunities for Lifelong Learning for local residents and visitors. Lectures are on the second Thursday of each month. Annual dues are \$10 and will be renewed in September. New members are always welcome. A box lunch may be purchased for \$10. Email <reservations@stmaryssewanee.org> or call Rachel Dan at 598-5342. Lunch reservations for the August program are due by Friday, Aug. 3, but are not required to attend the lecture.



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Elizabeth Layman will teach classes on Monday, July 23: 3:15-4 p.m., Dance Fun for 4-6 years olds; 4-5 p.m., beginning ballet (ages 7-10); 5:30-6:45 p.m., intermediate and adult ballet (pointe 6:30-6:45 p.m.)

David Herriott will teach classes on Monday, July 30: 4-5 p.m., beginning ballet (ages 7-10); 5:30-6:45 p.m., intermediate and adult ballet (pointe 6:30-6:45 p.m.).

Classes are \$12 each.

Registration for fall dance classes will be available 4-7 p.m. on both days.

The AYB-Sewanee Dance Conservatory will hold an open house for registration for the fall semester, 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 19, at the Fowler Center. There will be a placement class at 1:15 p.m. for any new students that are age 7 and older. Younger students will register by age.

Fall classes will begin the week of Aug. 27 for 12 weeks, with a school demonstration performance in April. Class offerings will include "Dance FUNdamentals" for 3-5 year olds and pre-ballet starting at age 6. There will be many levels of ballet, tap, jazz and musical theatre dance for the older dancers. The instructors will include Debbie Welch, Callie Holloway, Amy Nelson, Katie Mobley and other University students of Herriott. He will continue to work with his students at the University to prepare them to instruct the classes.

Herriott is the director of AYB-Sewanee Dance Conservatory. From Huntsville, Ala., he was a principal soloist with Royal Winnipeg Ballet and with North Carolina Dance Theatre, touring internationally with both companies. Herriott teaches ballet and modern classes at the University. For more information contact Herriott at (706) 589-2507 or <deherriott@gmail.com>.

Railroad History Lecture

Mark S. Womack will give a lecture on "Working the NC&StL Depots," at 4 p.m., Sunday, July 29, at the Cowan Center for the Arts Training Center.

Womack will discuss his memories of working for the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway in Cowan, Decherd and other area locations.

He tells his stories from firsthand experience. As a teenager Womack became knowledgeable of the Cowan operation in the 1930s by spending time at the depot in his hometown of Murfreesboro. He was hired as an operator in Cowan in July 1941 at the age of 17. In 1983, Womack retired from the railway as Superintendent of Rules.

Admission is free, and refreshments will be served after the program. For more information call 962-2356 or go to <CowanCenterfortheArts.org>.

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Local Music

John Bordley will perform a carillon concert at 4:45 p.m., Sunday, July 22, at Shapard Tower in the University Quad.

Musician Jay Faires will perform at Miss Gracie's Restaurant in Cowan, 6-8 p.m., Friday, July 27.

Area Art Exhibits

Hunter Museum—"Sound and Vision: Monumental Rock and Roll Photography," through Sunday, Aug. 12. Hunter Museum is located at 10 Bluff View, Chattanooga. <www.huntermuseum.org>

In-Town Gallery—"Painting with Glazes," Jane Yelliott. Opening and artist's reception, 5 p.m. EDT, Friday, Aug. 3. In-Town Gallery is located at 26 Frazier Ave., Chattanooga. <www.intowngallery.com>

River Gallery—Judy Klick demonstrates encaustic painting, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT, Saturday, July 21. Eric Fitzpatrick (paint) and Mary Lynn Portera (clay). Opening and artist's reception, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Friday, Aug. 3. River Gallery is located at 400 E. Second St., Chattanooga. <www.rivergallery.com>

Frist Center for the Visual Arts—"Creation Story: Gee's Bend Quilts and the Art of Thornton Dial," through Sept. 3. "Metamorphoses: Drawings by Erin Anfinson, Kristi Hargrove, Mark Hosford and Chris Scarborough," through Oct. 28. The Frist Center is located at 919 Broadway, Nashville. <fristcenter.org>

High Museum of Art—"Picturing New York/Picturing the South," photographs from the Museum of Modern Art and the High Museum, through Sept. 2. The High Museum is located at 1280 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta. <www.high.org>



David Coe at his Fourth of July book signing.

Book Fair and Lectures at Monterey Station in Cowan

Sewanee author David B. Coe will be among the writers attending the 2012 Tennessee Antiquarian Book Fair, Saturday and Sunday, July 21-22, at Monterey Station in Cowan. Coe will be signing copies of his new novel, "The Thiefmaker," (written under the pen name D.B. Jackson) at 3 p.m., Sunday.

Booksellers from more than half the states east of the Mississippi River and at least one foreign country will exhibit at this year's fair. The fair will include lectures by authors and scholars on many different topics of interest to collectors and book-lovers in general.

The fair will also include a variety of collectable and rare books, autographed documents and other ephemera. Bibliophiles will discover modern first editions of mystery, science fiction and literature. The fair will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and free to those under 18. For the full schedule of speakers and events, go to <www.tennaba.org/home.html>.



A pop-up book of "Alice in Wonderland" from the Artisan Depot exhibit

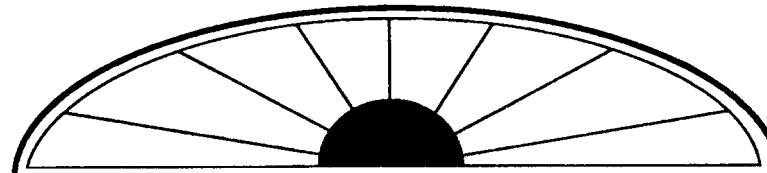
Pop-Up Book Exhibit and Market at Artisan Depot

The Artisan Depot will be exhibiting a variety of pop-up books ranging from those designed for children to adult pop-ups through the month of July. The books are on loan to the gallery from the private collections of several Franklin County Arts Guild members and will rotate throughout the month in order to keep the exhibit fresh.

The exhibit of books coincides with the annual Tennessee Antiquarian Book Fair July 21-22 [see story above].

The art of "moveable books" has a long history but the term "pop-up" was first coined by the Blue Ribbon Publishing Company in America to describe children's volumes, with pop-ups gaining popularity in the 1930s. In the 1960s, pop-up books experienced a revival with innovative and more elaborate illustrations and unique moveable images in classic children's stories. Contemporary pop-up books include creations specifically for the adult audience, from simple greeting cards to incredible one-of-a-kind, intricate artistic books.

The Artisan Depot is located at 201 E. Cumberland Street, in Cowan. The Depot will be open during the book fair and will also host an outdoor art market in the parking lot during the book fair. For more information call (931) 636-0169 or go to <www.fcguild.wordpress.com>.



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Monteagle Mountain Market of Arts and Crafts

The 53rd Annual Monteagle Mountain Market of Arts and Crafts on Saturday and Sunday, July 28–29, will feature more than 75 artisans and crafters displaying their handmade wares. Vendors will offer crafts including hand-blown glass, paintings, quilts, woodcrafts, folk art, toys, jewelry, furniture, pottery, fine art, stained glass, metal art, soaps, lotions, handmade brooms, local honey, embroidered baby items and knitted and hand-sewn items.

There will be live entertainment, delicious food and fun children activities, including a Creation Station and train rides. Food vendors will provide everything from beans and barbecue to funnel cakes and kettle corn.

The event will take place 9 a.m.–5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sunday, behind Monteagle City Hall, at 16 Dixie Lee Ave. For more information call (931) 924-5353 or go to <www.monteaglechamber.com>.

Health Care, Religion, Paris and Storytelling at MSSA

The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly's lectures and talks through Aug. 3 continue to feature timely topics and outstanding authors. All programs are presented free of charge in the Assembly's Warren Chapel facility.

A few of the highlights of the coming weeks are listed below. For the full schedule, call the Assembly office, (931) 924-2286, or go to <www.mssa1882.org>.

At 11 a.m., Monday, July 23, Vanderbilt physicians Dr. Anderson Spickard Jr. and Dr. Anderson Spickard III will lecture on "Challenges and Opportunities in Providing Personal, Relevant, Lifelong Health Care." Anderson Spickard Jr. is emeritus professor of medicine and psychiatry at Vanderbilt Medical Center and author of several books, including "Stay With Me: Stories of a Black Bag Doctor" (2011). Anderson Spickard III is associate professor of medicine and biomedical informatics at Vanderbilt School of Medicine.

Katharine K. Wilkinson will talk at 11 a.m., Friday, July 27, about her new book, "Between God & Green: How Evangelicals are Cultivating a Middle Ground on Climate Change." [See full story on page 6.]

At 8 p.m., Friday, July 27, award-winning professional storyteller Betty Ann Wylie from Atlanta will entertain adults and families with a lively performance. A founding member of the Southern Order of Storytellers, Wylie's performances are filled with stories, poetry and songs.

At 8:15 p.m., Monday, July 30, Elizabeth New Seitz, founder of the Dallas-based company French Affaires, will present a lecture on "Fifty Ways to Experience Paris." Ms. Seitz earned her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in French from Vanderbilt University, and she has years of experience in teaching, as well as organizing and leading French travel.

At 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 31, director of the Tennessee State Museum Lois Riggins-Ezzell will present a lecture on the history and development of the museum and will outline plans for the museum's exhibit commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in Tennessee.

At 8:15 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2, John O'Sullivan—journalist, political analyst, and former special adviser to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher—will present a lecture on "The Real Iron Lady." Currently editor-at-large of the National Review, O'Sullivan is also the author of the 2006 book "The President, the Pope and the Prime Minister."

At 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 3, writer Nell W. Mohny will present a lecture on "Learn from the Past, Live Fully Today and Trust God for Tomorrow." The author of numerous inspirational books and widely known as a popular motivational speaker, Mohny has a loyal following for her regular column in the Chattanooga Times Free Press.



Sewanee Youth Soccer Registration

On-site registration for the fall Sewanee soccer season is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 13, and Tuesday, Aug. 14. Registration will be held at Sewanee Elementary School adjacent to the computer lab, 3:15–5:30 p.m. both days.

The registration fee is \$70 and includes the child's jersey, shorts, socks, AYSO player fee and Supplemental Accident Insurance through AYSO.

Parents may also register their child online at <www.eayso.org> any time before Aug. 14. Sewanee Youth Soccer (SYS) is Region 991. Bring two copies of the completed registration form and payment to the on-site registration event, or mail to SYS, P.O. Box 838, Sewanee, TN 37375.

Scholarships are available to parents who can demonstrate need. For scholarship information, email Ty Burnette at <burnette@blomand.net>. SYS receives money from the Sewanee Community Chest to help with five scholarships yearly.

For more information, go to the TeamPage at <http://www.sys.teampages.com/> or <www.eayso.org>.



Swimmers dive in at the RACE League championships at the Fowler Center on July 14. Photo by Eric Hartman

TigerSharks Win 10th Championship

On July 14, the Sewanee TigerSharks took on eight area teams in the RACE League swim championships, and won with a combined 2,576 points. Under the guidance of Coach Max Obermiller, the team had a perfect 5-0 season and secured its 10th consecutive championship. The team also had a number of record-breaking swims at the event, which was at the Fowler Center. More than 450 swimmers participated.

Relay records broken at this swim meet include the 100-free relay age 13–14 team of Erin Berner-Coe, Anna Fox, Claire Reynolds and Isabel Butler with a new time of 59.90. The 100-free relay team of Bonnie Wakefield, Moira Buck, Helen Wilson and Annie McCawley broke the league record for age 15–18 with a time of 56.24. Jimmie Joe Boone, Jonathan Jones, Blake Shaw and Zach Blount broke the relay league record and the team record in the 100-free relay for age 15–18. The mixed 100-medley relay team of Boone, Blount, Buck and McCawley set a new relay league record and a new team record with a time of 58.64.

Top individual records broken include McCawley in the 50 free with a time of 30.07. Buck broke her own record in the 50 fly with a time of 33.52. Zolon Knoll broke his own time in the 100 IM with 1:51.64.

The Tigersharks won 14 individual events. Age 8 and under girls: Edie Paterson (25 back); 8 & under boys: Nathan King (25 free), Zolon Knoll (100 individual medley, 25 fly), and Mac Croom (25 back); 9–10 boys: Evan Fox (25 breast), Travis Kershner (25 back) and Aidan Smith (25 fly); 13–14 girls: Claire Reynolds (50 breast); 15–18 girls: McCawley (50 free) and Buck (50 fly); and 15–18 boys: Jones (50 free), Blount (50 breast) and Boone (50 back).

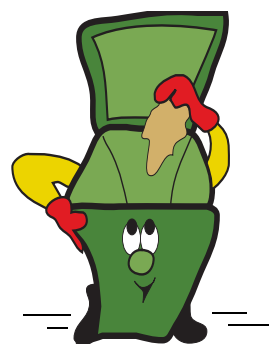
Four Tigersharks won "high point" awards for scoring the most points in their age group. Zolon Knoll was the winner for the 7–8 boys, and Aidan Smith for the 9–10 boys. The usual age group of 15–18 was subdivided into two groups, and Shaw won for the 15–16 boys and McCawley for the 17–18 girls.

Tai Chi Schedule Change

Tai Chi for Arthritis with Kathleen O'Donohue will not meet July 23–Aug. 8.

Beginning again on Thursday, Aug. 9, and for the remaining Thursdays of August, classes will be held 10:30–11:30 a.m. Classes meet at the Sewanee Community Center.

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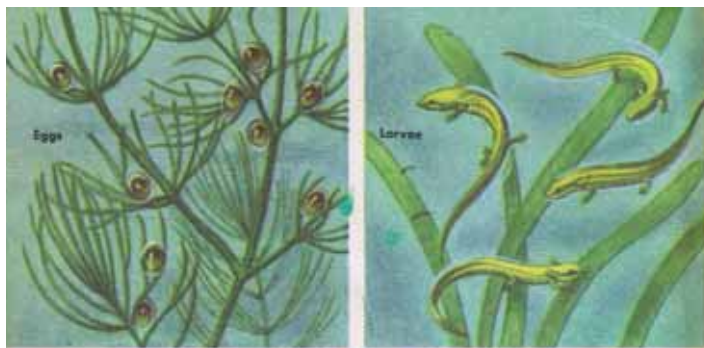
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Top left, newt eggs. Top right, newt larvae. Middle, Red Eft. Bottom, Eastern Newt. Illustrations by James Gordon Irving from "Reptiles and Amphibians: A Golden Nature Guide"

Eastern Newt Life Cycle

"On July 14, I was walking up the Eva Road when I found a box turtle crossing it," reports **Jean Yeatman**. "So I picked it up and put it into the woods, facing the direction it had been going. Next I found a Red Eft and put it in the woods. When we have a nice rainy spell like we are having, I find the animals on the move."

The Red Eft is a stage in the life cycle of the Eastern Newt. These are very attractive salamanders that spend their adult life in the water, which is the opposite of most other salamanders.

Newts are three inches long. They lay their eggs on stems and leaves of water plants in the spring; the eggs hatch into larvae. After three or four months in the water, they leave to spend two or three years on land as Red Efts. When they return to water permanently they change color and develop a broad swimming tail. These make nice aquaria pets. In 1950, Harry and I had two that we watched lay eggs; then when the larvae hatched out, we put them into a lake so they could complete their life cycle.

Animal Harbor *from page 1*

cleaning and maintenance, the staff and volunteers will be able to work more with the animals to improve behavior and to pursue more community education and prevention programs. In addition, an inviting facility in a convenient location will attract more adopters and volunteers, enabling them to save more animals.

Campaign volunteers, Animal Harbor staff and Franklin County Humane Society Board members who attended the opening event included George Bowers, Cindy Sherrill, Cecilia Brodioi, Anna McCord, Amber Kelley, Paula Reed, Carolyn Maher, Sue Ridyard, Pat Thompson, Jeannie Amacher, Carol Sampson, Lynette Atrial, Gail Castle, Anne Giles, Betsy Pearson, Glenda Horton and Jennifer Janeway.

Animal Harbor has placed more than 3,600 pets in new homes since opening in 2003. The Franklin County Humane Society is a nonprofit organization that relies on donations to keep its doors open. For more information, please call 598-0368 or go to <animalharbor.com>.

Pets of the Week

The Franklin County Humane Society's Animal Harbor is offering a limited time special on Tabby kittens and cats, such as Bill and Elvin on page 1. On Tabby Tuesdays and Thursdays, there is a 50 percent discount on Tabbies, and Animal Harbor will provide a free bag of cat food with the kitty. All Animal Harbor cats are negative for FeLV and FIV, house-trained, up-to-date on shots and altered.

Every Friday is Black Friday at Animal Harbor. On Fridays, adoption fees will be reduced 50 percent for black or mostly black pets over 4 months old who have been at Animal Harbor for more than a month.

Pets adopted from Animal Harbor qualify for a free post-adoption wellness exam by local veterinarians.

Call Animal Harbor at 962-4472 for information or go to <www.animalharbor.com>.



Marcia Medford (left) of Sewanee and Joan Hartvigsen, Winchester at the Western trailhead of the 235-mile bicycle trip on the Katy Trail in May.

Tennessee Trails Program and Hike to Greeter Falls

The Highland Rim Chapter of the Tennessee Trails Association (TTA) will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, July 23, at D. W. Wilson Community Center, 501 N. Collins St., Tullahoma. Marcia Medford of Sewanee and Joan Hartvigsen of Winchester will present a program on their recent 235-mile bicycle ride on the Katy Trail across Missouri.

TTA is sponsoring a hike to Greeter Falls on Saturday, July 28. Meet Randy Hedgepath, Tennessee State Naturalist, at 10 a.m., at the Greeter Falls parking lot. The three-mile hike is rated strenuous and includes a half-mile rock hop and the cool swimming holes of Greeter Falls and the Blue Hole. Sturdy boots and changes of clothes, water and lunch are required. Hiking sticks are recommended. Be prepared to get in the water. All are welcome to attend and learn more about TTA.

For more information, call Hartvigsen at 962-0811.

Third Sunset Serenade at St. Mary's Sewanee

St. Mary's Sewanee: The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development will hold its third annual Sunset Serenade 5-8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 2.

"St. Mary's Sewanee offers spiritual hospitality to the 4,800 people who visit the center each year, coming for rest, reflection and renewal. Since St. Mary's Sewanee is a small nonprofit, each year a group of local volunteers create the Sunset Serenade to raise money for the Center's operating budget," said Amy Burns, chair of the event. "We love welcoming new friends to the event and sharing special moments with lifelong friends."

Guests will be entertained with music throughout the evening provided by Noel Workman and Friends. A catered dinner, silent auction and magnificent sunset over the bluff are also a part of the festivities.

While tables and chairs are provided, many guests like to bring their own blanket to sit outside, as well as their favorite libation.

Reservations are required by calling St. Mary's Sewanee at 598-5342. Tickets are \$50 per person, a portion of which is tax-deductible.

State Park Offerings

Friday, July 20

Beginner's Backpacking—Meet Ranger Aaron at 4:30 p.m. at the Savage Gulf picnic area to learn how to backpack safely and enjoyably.

Introduction to Astronomy—Meet Park at 8:30 p.m. at the Visitors' Center to learn more about the night sky. Bring a flashlight and binoculars.

Saturday, July 21

Snakes Alive!—Join Andrea at 9 a.m. at the Stone Door ranger station to learn how to tell if a snake is poisonous or not.

Savage Day Loop Hike—Meet Ranger Aaron at 2:30 p.m. at the Savage Gulf ranger station for a moderate five-mile hike to Savage Falls and Rattlesnake Point overlook. Bring water and a snack and wear sturdy shoes.

Sunday, July 22

Savage Falls Swim—Meet Ranger Aaron at 3 p.m. at the Savage Gulf ranger station for a moderate four-mile hike to the bottom of Savage Falls. Wear a swimsuit and bring water and a snack.

Friday, July 27

Sycamore Falls Hike and Swim—Meet Park at 1 p.m. at the Grundy Forest parking lot for a moderate three-mile hike to beautiful Sycamore Falls for a swim. Bring water and a swimsuit and wear sturdy shoes.

Boulder Crossing Nature Hike—Meet Ranger Aaron at 3:30 p.m. at the Collins West parking lot for a strenuous

three-mile hike to view the Collins River. Bring water and a snack and wear sturdy shoes.

Saturday, July 28

Critter Hunt—Meet Andrea at 10 a.m. at the Stone Door ranger station to find and learn about some water-dwelling insects. Plan to get wet and muddy.

Greeter Falls Swim—Meet Ranger Aaron at 3 p.m. at the Greeter Falls parking lot for a moderate two-mile hike to the base of Greeter Falls. Bring water, a snack and a swim suit.

Sunday, July 29

Hiking Through History—Join Park at 3 p.m. at the Grundy Lakes parking lot for a moderate stroll around Grundy Lakes.

What Tree is That?—Meet Ranger Aaron at 4 p.m. at the Savage Gulf ranger station to learn about native trees.

Sunset and Night Hike to Collins Gulf Overlook—Meet Ranger Aaron at 7:30 p.m. at the Collins West parking lot for an easy one-mile hike. Experience the transition from day to evening at the park. Bring water, a snack and a flashlight; wear sturdy shoes.

For more information on these or other programs call (931) 924-2980 or visit the website at <www.friendsofscsra.org/activities.htm>.

The Visitors' Center is located on Highway 41 South between Monteagle and Tracy City and is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., seven days a week.

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Unclouded peace and calm content,
Serene, supreme tranquillity,
Where thoughtless dreams and dreamless thoughts
Are blent.

When the salt tide is rising to the flood,
In billows blue my placid pulp I lave;
And when it ebbs I slumber in the mud,
Content alike with ooze or crystal wave.

I do not shudder when in chowder stewed,
Nor when the Coney Islander engulfs me raw.
When in the church soup's dreary solitude
Alone I wander, do I shudder? Naw!

If jarring tempests beat upon my bed,
Or summer peace there be,
I do not care: as I have said,
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Today, July 20

- Curbside recycling pickup, before 7:30 am
8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Center
9:00 am MSSA Cottage Tour and Bazaar
9:30 am Adult Bible study, MSSA, Edgeworth Inn
10:00 am Games day, Senior Center
1:00 pm Floral lecture/demonstration, Ralph Null, MSSA
4:00 pm SSMF faculty-student recital, St. Luke's Chapel
6:30 pm Bazzania, Culprits, Angel Park Summer Music Series
7:30 pm SSMF student chamber music final concert, Guerry

Saturday, July 21

- Antiquarian Book Fair, Monterey Station, Cowan
8:00 am Sewanee Gardeners' Market, old pharmacy
9:00 am Cleanup on Highway 56/Sherwood Road
9:00 am Tracy City Farmers' Market, Hwy 41, Tracy
10:00 am Hospitality Shop open, until noon
10:00 am Silver Threads, St. Mary's Convent
12:00 pm Senior potluck lunch, Senior Center
1:00 pm Beersheba Springs tour & dinner, Beersheba Hotel
4:00 pm FC Democrats dinner, Winchester City Park
4:00 pm SSMF student chamber music, Guerry Garth
7:30 pm SSMF faculty concert honoring Spurbecks, Guerry
10:00 pm SSMF brass concert, (free) All Saints' Chapel

Sunday, July 22

- Antiquarian Book Fair, Monterey Station, Cowan
College summer school ends
2:30 pm SSMF Cumberland Orchestra, Más-Arocas, Guerry
3:30 pm SSMF Sewanee Symphony, Yampolsky, Guerry
4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
4:45 pm Bordley carillon recital, Shapard Tower
5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, Midway Baptist

Monday, July 23

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Center
11:00 am Lecture, Health Care, Warren Chapel, MSSA
4:00 pm AYB Sewanee Dance Conservatory registration, Fowler
7:00 pm Centering prayer, Otey sanctuary
7:00 pm FC Commissioners school budget meeting, Annex
8:05 pm Movie, "The Big Year," MSSA Auditorium
8:15 pm Lecture, Dollie Marting, Warren Chapel, MSSA

Tuesday, July 24

- Sewanee Writers' Conference begins, through Aug. 4 (see p. 7 for schedule)
8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
9:00 am Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary's Sewanee
9:30 am Hospitality Shop open, until 2 pm
10:30 am Bingo, Senior Center
11:00 am Lecture, George B. Elder, Warren Chapel, MSSA
11:30 am Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
3:30 pm Centering prayer, St. Mary's
5:00 pm SUD Board meeting, Utility office

Wednesday, July 25

- Sewanee Writers' Conference (see p. 7 for schedule)
7:00 am Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary, Smoke House
9:00 am CAC pantry day, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
11:00 am Lecture, Dollie Marting, Warren Chapel, MSSA
5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Comm Center
7:00 pm Bible study, Midway Baptist Church
8:05 pm Movie: "Bad News Bears," MSSA
8:15 pm Lecture, Doris Rosser, Warren Chapel, MSSA

Thursday, July 26

- Sewanee Writers' Conference (see p. 7 for schedule)
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
9:00 am Nature journaling, Abbo's Alley gazebo
9:30 am Hospitality Shop open, until 2 pm
12:45 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Brooks Hall
1:30 pm Folks@Home support group, Brooks Hall
2:00 pm Tracy City Farmers' Market, until 6 pm
3:30 pm Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary's Sewanee
5:00 pm Weight Watchers, Otey parish hall, weigh-in 4:30 pm
6:30 pm Acoustic jam, Miss Gracie's Restaurant, Cowan
8:15 pm Movie: "Courageous," MSSA

Friday, July 27

- Last day for early voting
Sewanee Writers' Conference (see p. 7 for schedule)
8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Center
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
9:30 am Adult Bible study, MSSA, Edgeworth Inn
10:00 am Games day, Senior Center
11:00 am Lecture, Katharine Wilkinson, Warren Chapel, MSSA
6:30 pm Hard Times Band, Angel Park Summer Music Series

Saturday, July 28

- Sewanee Writers' Conference (see p. 7 for schedule)
Hospitality Shop closes at noon, reopens 9:30 am Tuesday, Aug. 14
Monteagle Mountain Market of Arts and Crafts
8:00 am Sewanee Gardeners' Market, old pharmacy
9:00 am Tracy City Farmers' Market, Hwy 41, Tracy
10:00 am Hospitality Shop open, until noon
10:00 am Silver Threads, St. Mary's Convent
4:00 pm Fish fry and auction, Morton Memorial Church

Sunday, July 29

- Sewanee Writers' Conference (see p. 7 for schedule)
Monteagle Mountain Market of Arts and Crafts
4:00 pm Railroad history talk, Womack, Cowan Ctr for Arts
4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, Midway Baptist

Monday, July 30

- Sewanee Writers' Conference (see p. 7 for schedule)
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Center
3:00 pm Reception for Chief Robert White, Carnegie
4:00 pm AYB Sewanee Dance Conservatory regis., Fowler
7:00 pm Centering prayer, Otey sanctuary
8:05 pm Movie, "The Muppets," MSSA Auditorium
8:15 pm Lecture, Elizabeth Seitz, Warren Chapel, MSSA

Tuesday, July 31

- Sewanee Writers' Conference (see p. 7 for schedule)
8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
9:00 am Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary's Sewanee
10:30 am Bingo, Senior Center
11:00 am Lecture, Riggins-Ezzell, Warren Chapel, MSSA
11:30 am Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
3:30 pm Centering prayer, St. Mary's
8:05 pm Movie: "Mr. Popper's Penguins," MSSA

Wednesday, Aug. 1

- Sewanee Writers' Conference (see p. 7 for schedule)
7:00 am Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary, Smoke House
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
11:00 am Panel discussion: Scott Parrish, CFSCP, MSSA
5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Comm Center
7:00 pm Bible study, Midway Baptist Church
8:15 pm Movie: "The Iron Lady," MSSA

Thursday, Aug. 2

- Election Day
Sewanee Writers' Conference (see p. 7 for schedule)
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
12:45 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Brooks Hall
1:30 pm Folks@Home support group, Brooks Hall
2:00 pm Tracy City Farmers' Market, until 6 pm
5:00 pm Weight Watchers, Otey parish hall, weigh-in 4:30 pm
6:30 pm Acoustic jam, Miss Gracie's Restaurant, Cowan
8:05 pm Movie, "Mirror, Mirror," MSSA Auditorium
8:15 pm Lecture, John O'Sullivan, Warren Chapel, MSSA

Friday, Aug. 3 Tenn. Sales Tax Holiday

- Curbside recycling pickup, before 7:30 a.m.
Sewanee Writers' Conference (see p. 7 for schedule)
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
9:30 am Adult Bible study, MSSA, Edgeworth Inn
10:00 am Games day, Senior Center
11:00 am Lecture, Nell W. Mohney, Warren Chapel, MSSA

Saturday, Aug. 4 Tenn. Sales Tax Holiday

- Sewanee Writers' Conference (see p. 7 for schedule)
8:00 am Sewanee Gardeners' Market, old pharmacy
9:00 am Tracy City Farmers' Market, Hwy 41, Tracy
10:00 am Grundy County Repubs, Courthouse, Altamont
10:00 am Silver Threads, St. Mary's Convent

Sunday, Aug. 5 Tenn. Sales Tax Holiday

- Pantry Sunday
4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, Midway Baptist
6:15 pm CCJP Hiroshima observance, duPont steps

Monday, Aug. 6

- Messenger office reopens, 9 am
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Center
6:00 pm SES kindergarten orientation
7:00 pm Centering prayer, Otey sanctuary

Tuesday, Aug. 7

- Franklin County Schools abbreviated day and registration 8-9:30 am
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
9:00 am Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary's Sewanee
10:30 am Bingo, Senior Center
11:30 am Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
3:30 pm Centering prayer, St. Mary's

Wednesday, Aug. 8

- Franklin County Schools first full day of classes
Monteagle Elementary School registration
7:00 am Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary, Smoke House
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Comm Center
7:00 pm Bible study, Midway Baptist Church

Thursday, Aug. 9

- Monteagle Elementary School first full day of classes
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
10:30 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, advanced, Comm Center
12:00 pm McKee, Academy for Lifelong Learning, St. Mary's
12:45 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Brooks Hall
1:30 pm Folks@Home support group, Brooks Hall
3:30 pm Mountaintop Tumblers, beginners, Comm Center
4:30 pm Mountaintop Tumblers, advanced, Comm Ctr
2:00 pm Tracy City Farmers' Market, until 6 pm
5:00 pm Weight Watchers, Otey parish hall, weigh-in 4:30 pm
6:30 pm Acoustic jam, Miss Gracie's Restaurant, Cowan

Friday, Aug. 10

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 2-3 pm
10:00 am Games day, Senior Center

12-Step Meetings

- Friday**
7:00 am AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
7:00 pm AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Saturday**
7:30 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
7:30 pm AA, open, Otey
- Sunday**
6:30 pm AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- Monday**
5:00 pm Women's 12-step, Otey parish hall
7:00 pm AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Tuesday**
7:00 pm AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
7:30 pm AA, open, Otey parish hall
7:30 pm Al-Anon, Otey parish hall
- Wednesday**
7:00 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
7:30 pm AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- Thursday**
12:00 pm AA, open, 924-3493 for location
6:30 pm NA, open, Otey
7:00 pm AA, closed, book study, St. James